



# Bill Horn's News and Reviews



5th District Supervisor, County of San Diego

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## Decision 2004: What's next?

*The November 2004 election is history. Political street signs have come down, radio, television and newspapers are "candidate and proposition free" and your local letter carrier has a much lighter load. Now that we've all had a chance to take a collective sigh of relief, Supervisor Horn shares some of what you can expect in the months and years to come.*

### Proposition 1A: Protection of Local Government Revenues

Perhaps the most significant decision that voters made was approving Proposition 1A, an historic constitutional amendment that in two years will stop the State from raiding local governments' property tax revenues. For San Diego County, that amounts to about \$55 million a year.

No other election issue impacts as many people. Beginning in 2006, future local funding will be protected for public safety, health, libraries, parks and other locally delivered services.

The law requires the State to pay for legislative mandates on local governments or suspend their operation. It also requires local sales tax revenues to stay with local government and be spent for local purposes and can only be changed with an emergency declaration by the Governor and a two-thirds vote of the legislature.

Governor Schwarzenegger's support was essential in making this happen.

### Proposition A: TransNet Sales Tax Extension

Most people tell me their greatest concern is San Diego County's impossible traffic congestion. As our newsletter went to the printers, the outcome of Proposition A, the San Diego County Association of Governments (SANDAG) proposal to extend the half-cent sales tax, known as TransNet for another 40 years in 2008 was not known.

We need the revenue from this tax to fund much-needed transportation projects such as widening Highway 76 to Interstate 15. Time will tell whether or not SANDAG's distribution formula and project accountability will unlock freeway gridlock. Prop A gives more money to mass transit than freeways and roads despite the fact that less than 5% of County residents ride a bus, train or trolley. Projects can also be eliminated over the objection of local jurisdictions.

I'll leave the final verdict on TransNet to my grandson since Grandpa is not likely to be driving at 105.

### Proposition B: Gregory Canyon Landfill

Ten years ago, 68% of San Diego County voters approved construction of the Gregory Canyon Landfill and Recycling Collection Center on State Route 76, three miles east of I-15 and two miles southwest of the Pala area. More than 1,300 acres of the Gregory Canyon site will be dedicated as permanent open space as part of the landfill project. This



Supervisor Horn was joined by the Reverend Gerald Johnson of the City of Refuge Church of God in Christ at the North County Faith Based Forum on election day.

### Faith-Based Initiative gets a boost from Supervisor Horn

On election day 2004, many who share Supervisor Horn's commitment to North County's Faith-Based Initiative joined him at Green Oak Ranch in Vista. The Supervisor hosted lunch and a Faith-Based Forum that attracted more than 100 people. Of those in attendance, 70 represented the faith community and 35 to 40 people represented community-based organizations from all over North County.

It was an exciting time to rally-round the life-changing concept of bringing charitable groups and the faith-community into a dynamic partnership with County government.

From the time he took office ten years ago, Supervisor Horn began a fostering the Faith-Based Initiative in North County. He funded a pilot program and has hired a grant writer to bring more federal dollars to North County to help families become stronger.

Supervisor Horn presented a



Supervisor Horn at historic Golden Hall on election night 2004. Election Central will no longer be located in Golden Hall.

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## Horn's Headlines

# Voters, Voting Machines & Voter ID

Unlike the debacle in the April 2004 Primary election when some polls opened late and electronic touch-screen voting was less than an unqualified success, most of the polling places in San Diego County on November 2 functioned with few problems. However, counting the ballots was another story. Hours stretched into days and days became weeks.

Many of the glitches in the system are the result of confusing federal and state election laws. The County of San Diego was required to use opti-scan machines for the November election. In 2006 we are mandated to use the touch-screen machines again. From punch card, to touch-screen, to opti-scan and back to touch-screen; the voting process has not been smooth. Supervisor Horn is working to change that.

Regardless of what voting system is used, our election process in California remains riddled with opportunities for fraud. When a person registers, there is

no requirement for proof of citizenship. At polling places, current California law only requires voters to recite their names and addresses before they are given a ballot.

Election irregularities are real with non-citizens voting, people voting more than once, and voter registration cards with names of people who do not exist.

Because of this, I asked for and received unanimous support from my fellow supervisors to strengthen voter identification procedures. We have asked the Secretary of State to require proof of citizenship when registering and photo identification before voting at the polls. I've received enthusiastic support from supervisors in other counties along with Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, State Senator Dennis Hollingsworth, and Assemblymen Mark Wyland and George Plescia.

We have military troops in the Middle East fighting for the cause of freedom. The least we can do is protect

democracy at home. In the first democratic election ever in Afghanistan, voters were required to show a voter identification card that has their thumbprint! If we need photo ID to rent a video at home, how can anyone object to requiring proof of citizenship when registering and showing a photo ID before voting?

In my ten years of service as your supervisor, I have never had the kind of response from the public and media that we have received from the voter ID issue. The story was televised nationally on Fox News. People have called, e-mailed and spoken to me personally; from all over the country, everyone wants to know what they can do to ensure that only American citizens vote in our elections. Call or write your state assembly member and state senator. Do the same to Governor Schwarzenegger and Secretary of State Kevin Shelley.

Those who call voter ID a partisan or racial issue mystify me. It's neither. This is an American issue.

## Valley Center/Pauma Performing Arts

The dream curtain has been lifted a few more feet for a 600-seat performing arts center to serve the communities of Valley Center and Pauma. On October 19, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Horn's request for \$85,000,

for a total of \$250,000 in community projects funds to assist in the capital campaign for the construction of the performing arts center.

Ground has been broken, and work is underway at the site at 31322 Cole Grade Road in Valley Center. The five million dollar performing arts center will boost the quality of life for students and all who live and work in this community. Schools and organizations will have opportunities to sponsor and conduct programs, events and projects that are not possible today. Bravo!



Supervisor Horn and Valley Center Middle School student Amber Steinbeck presented a check for \$85,000, for a total of \$250,000 toward the center from 5th District Community Projects Funds



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month, voters affirmed that decision by a convincing majority.

After 10 years of environmental review, the County Department of Environmental Health certified the landfill's Environmental Impact Report, which determined the landfill will protect our water resources.

The permit process now continues before construction can begin. Once completed, the landfill will be closely monitored and regulated by State, Regional and County environmental agencies, and by the San Luis Rey Municipal Water District, the district nearest the landfill, to ensure that water resources are fully protected.

Now that they San Marcos landfill has closed, Gregory Canyon will be the only landfill in North County. The landfill's environmental system features a five-layer, five-foot thick protective liner system, making Gregory Canyon the most protective landfill in San Diego County. I'm confident it will meet our long-term waste disposal needs.



# Ganging up on gangs - - *TenPoint Coalition comes to North County*

A new strategy to attack gang violence in Oceanside will get a major boost from the 5th District discretionary community projects fund. In 1998, at Supervisor Horn's request, the County put \$100,000 into a North County Regional Gang Task Force. That effort brought success; now it's time to reinforce our resolve.

On October 19, the Board approved Supervisor Horn's request to allocate \$50,000 from Community Projects funding to help establish the TenPoint Coalition, headed by the Reverend Gerald Johnson of the City of Refuge Church of God in Christ. The program is modeled after one developed by the National TenPoint Leadership Foundation founded in 1993 in Boston. It has been replicated in cities across America with remarkable success in fighting gang problems and providing positive alternatives to keep young people out of gangs.



**Supervisor Horn joined pastors, community members and elected officials to launch the TenPoint Coalition in Oceanside.**

There are 12 known gangs in Oceanside with more than a thousand documented members. Police officers, firefighters and Sheriff's deputies are on the front lines and are doing a commendable job. However, they need help from the community.

TenPoint is an example of a faith-based initiative that enables people to work directly with troubled youth and young adults in their own neighborhoods. The program stresses the home as the first line of defense, followed by schools, the courts and the streets.

When Supervisor Horn announced the \$50,000 grant at an October 6 news conference in Oceanside, he challenged the City of Oceanside to match the amount. Mayor Terry Johnson and Councilman Jack Feller pledged their support.

**Praying for guidance in Oceanside where gang violence has recently increased dramatically.**



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check for \$30,000 from District 5's Community Projects Funds to Carl Fielstra, Executive Director at Green Oak Ranch, a Christian-based drug and alcohol recovery facility, emergency foster care center and retreat. The funds will be used toward the development of transitional foster teen



housing at the ranch.

The Supervisor also honored the Reverend Carmen Robbins of Welcome Home Ministries who recently received a \$1.387 million four-year federal grant. The ministry works with women who are returning to the community from jail.

## Getting around a traffic problem . . .

Rancho Santa Fe has the green light for traffic control without a signal light. It will be done with the construction of three roundabouts along Paseo Delicias/Del Dios Highway.

On October 26, the Board of Supervisors approved Supervisor Horn's request for \$125,000 in matching com-

munity projects funding for construction of roundabouts.

The Rancho Santa Fe Association had voted to contribute \$125,000 to pay the remainder of the design cost of \$250,000.

Community input has been constant during the planning stage. We'll keep you in the "loop" as this project moves forward.

## Everything's beautiful in Rancho Santa Fe

Congratulations to Rancho Santa Fe, a winner in the Third Annual *America in Bloom* contest. Rancho Santa Fe was judged best for communities with a population of 5,000 or less and received a special award for its dedication to maintaining and acquiring open space. They bested communities in Ohio, Arkansas, New Jersey, New York and Washington.

Judges were impressed with Rancho Santa Fe's floral displays, urban forestry, landscaped areas, turf and groundcover, tid-

ness, environmental awareness, heritage conservation and community involvement.

Among those deserving a collective pat on the back, the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club, its president Donna Ferrier, the Rancho Santa Fe Association, its Open Space Committee chair, Ty Miller, Director of Field Operations, Dick Brockett and garden club member, Ruth Evans who planted the seed to enter the competition. Look what bloomed!

**. . . and the Winners Are** - The County of San Diego, recognized as the best-managed in California, recently was honored with 29 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). They included:

- Fallbrook's Revitalization (Department of Public Works)
- Erosion Control Actions - Firestorm 2003 (Department of Public Works)
- Local Assistance Centers - Firestorm 2003 (DPW/Countywide)
- Emergency Medical Alert Network (Health and Human Services Agency)
- Identity Theft Program (District Attorney)

## Investing In Our Own Backyard

*Returning taxpayer's dollars directly to the community may be the single most efficient way of helping our neighbors. Recent allocations include:*

- ◆ Injured Marine: Semper Fi Fund - \$25,000 to assist families in visiting Marines who have been wounded in combat
- ◆ Vista American Legion - \$4,000 in matching funds for remodeling and painting the outside of the historic American Legion building in Vista
- ◆ Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP) of San Diego County - \$3,800 for volunteers to attend the annual fundraising gala
- ◆ Bonsall Chamber of Commerce - \$1,000 in matching funds for party, food and gifts to low income and unemployed families in Bonsall/Fallbrook area
- ◆ Fallbrook Community Project - \$1,500 for purchases of turkeys and hams to put in food baskets for 400 low income and unemployed families in the Fallbrook area
- ◆ North County Food Bank - \$3,500 for 80,000 grocery bags for two inserts in the North County Times for people to use to donate food for needy families in North County
- ◆ North County Health Services - \$2,000 for holiday party for children of needy families
- ◆ Straight From The Heart - \$1,000 for their annual Big Band fundraiser

## "Good Stuff" from the 5th District

● Improvements to 125 bus stops have been made or are in the process of being completed for passengers who ride North County Transit District routes. The shelters, benches and solar lights are partially funded by a \$350,000 Community Projects grant from Supervisor Horn.

● A partnership between the County of San Diego, U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Program and Community Development Block Grant funds will bring 101-units of affordable housing to Fallbrook. The 101-unit Pine View Apartments will provide upgraded housing for low-income households earning less than or equal to 35 percent, 50 percent, and 80 percent of the area median income.

The project received unanimous support from the Fallbrook Community Planning Group on July 19, 2004. We're still looking for a completion date.

● In another community housing project on Alturas Road, Supervisor Horn was privileged to be at the September 30th grand opening of the Fallbrook View Apartments. The project will have 80 units, 60 of which are reserved for farm worker families; the other 20 are for low and moderate-income families.

**"While I take  
inspiration from the  
past, like most  
Americans,  
I live for the future."**

***Ronald Reagan***

**"A Word From Supervisor Bill Horn" Via E-mail** In February, Supervisor Horn began an electronic newsletter to constituents. Doing this by E-mail is cost-effective, more in-depth and more immediate than our regular newsletter. We'll still be in touch by regular mail, however, if you're not receiving "A Word From Supervisor Bill Horn" by E-mail and would like to be on our list, please let us know by E-mailing the Supervisor at [bill.horn@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:bill.horn@sdcounty.ca.gov).

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